



Regular Meeting of the City Council, Austin, Texas,

December 2<sup>nd</sup> 1907

Hon FM Maddox, Mayor, Presiding

Roll Called:

Present Aldermen Armstrong, Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Miller, Moreland,  
Petri, Redd, Scott, and Wilhelm 12

Absent Aldermen Moore and Sutor 2

On motion the minutes were approved as recorded by the Clerk without reading.

Petitions, memorials, etc.:

The Mayor laid before the Council the petition of Fred S. Boutelle and RM Thompson, asking to have pound fees refunded, each of which were approved by him. On motion the petitions were granted.

By Alderman Petri petition of H Creutzfeldt asking for the same privilege as that granted to Nalle & Co., in regard unloading cars at the switch at the Alliance Cotton yard: On motion the petition was granted, subject to the same conditions as that granted to Nalle & Co. by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong, Crooker, Haynes, Meredith, Miller, Petri, Redd, Scott, &  
Smith 9

Nays Aldermen Cuneo, Moreland, Sutor, & Wilhelm 4

By Alderman Petri petition of O Del Curto, asking that to have unearned portions of liquor licenses be refunded to him: On motion the petition was granted.

The Mayor laid before the Council a communication from the Supt of the Water and Light Plant stating that the request of the Council for the hydrants on 14<sup>th</sup> Street had been received, and would have attention, On motion the communication was ordered filed.

The Mayor reported that he had released the following stock from the pound without payment of pound fees, viz: A donkey belonging to Elbert Madison and a cow belonging to Mrs. Roberts, and recommended that the following fines be remitted, viz: Albert Hetzel, amount \$20.00, Sam Wheat, amt \$4.85, & ID Childress, amt \$18.65, on motion the action and recommendations of the Mayor were approved and adopted

#### Reports of City Officers

The Mayor laid before the Council the reports of the Treasurer, the Assessor & Collector and the Sexton, which were on motion referred to their appropriate Committees, without reading, also a report from the City Attorney which was laid over to come up with another matter later on.

The Mayor announced the following changes in standing Committees, viz: Sanitation & Sewerage Alderman Sutor in place of Alderman Smith, Claims and Accounts Alderman Sutor in place of Alderman Cuneo and on Charity Alderman Sutor in place of Alderman Miller

#### Reports of Standing Committees

Alderman Haynes for the Finance Committee to whom was referred the report of the Treasurer and Clerk for the months of September and October, 1907, presented a report, stating that they had been examined and checked and found correct: the report was adopted;

The Mayor laid before the Council the following report from the Paving Committee;

Austin Texas

November 30th 1907

Hon. Mayor, Members of City Council.

As instructed by you, your Paving committee advertised for new bids for a retaining wall and extension of storm cellar at foot of Congress Avenue.

To bids were received. One from C Q Horton, agreeing to do the work as specified for \$8980.00. One from Knaps and Brothers agreeing to do the work for \$10,450; both bids received with certified check attached. We returned Knaps and Brothers their bid with checks, and herewith turnover to the city clerk, C. Q Horton's bid with check attached, and leave the matter of making contracts for the work as above specified to your honorable body. Urging you to make the contract at the earliest possible date, so that this necessary retaining wall and extension of storm sewer can be built at once, and not delay paving now starting from Third Street to the bridge.

The subcommittee of paying of Paving Committee, consisting of Harrell, Scott, and Eiles were appointed to see Guy S Boyce and make a contract with him to superintend

construction of retaining wall, extension of storm sewer and paving of Congress Avenue and other streets until all contacted for, is finished at 2 1/2 % of the amount of said contract. This contract was closed with Mr. Boyce, and we request Council to ratify same.

Respectfully

Joe Harrell Secretary

AC Goeth, Chairman, Paving Committee

The mayor also laid before the Council a communication from Alderman Meredith and Redd, together with a statement from R V Dixon in relation to the bid of said Dixon on the retaining wall, also one from C Q Horton concerning his and Dixon's bids which were read and on motion the whole matter was laid on the table subject to call.

Alderman Scott for the Street Committee presented the following report which was read and adopted.

Austin Texas

December 2, 1907

To the Hon. Mayor, and Board of Alderman of the City of Austin:

Gentleman: your Committee on streets as instructed by the City Council advertised for bids to grade 27 Street where it intersects the Speedway, West from the Speedway 150 ft.. Bids were received from Mr. Canion for \$725 and from Mr. Rutledge for a \$873. Your Committee on Streets recommend the bid of Mr. Canion be accepted, and that the Mayor be instructed to enter into contract with Mr. Canion in accordance with his bid.

F.A. Scott

W.C. Redd

Committee on Streets

Alderman Cuneo moved that the Street Committee be directed to bring in a report at the next meeting of the Council, on a resolution referred to them regarding the gates at the R R depots. The resolution was adopted.

Unfinished business

The mayor laid before the Council a resolution authorizing the Water and Light Commission to erect a building on part of lot #98, in the city of Austin. Alderman Haynes moved to amend the resolution by adding "providing that the Water and Light Commission have no control or use of the City Hall lot west of the west wall of the building proposed".

On motion the whole matter was referred to the Fire and City Hall Committees

The mayor laid before the Council the report of the Street and Sanitary Committees recommending the purchase of lots for stables for city teams.

Alderman Wilhelm submitted a proposition from D. W. Weaver to sell a piece of property on East Fourth Street.

Alderman Wilhelm offered the following resolution:

Whereas it is deemed necessary by the City Council of the city of Austin, that the city of Austin purchase property within the corporate limits of the city of the City of Austin sufficient in size to accommodate the wagons and teams belonging to the City of Austin, and sufficient in size to store certain poles and materials belonging to the city of Austin:

Therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, that the City of Austin advertise for bids for property suitably located and of sufficient quantity to accommodate said teams, wagons, telegraph poles, and materials used by the city of Austin, and the Water and Light Department of the City of Austin; and

Be it further resolved that parties having property which is deemed by them desirable for the purpose here set out shall submit in writing to a Committee appointed for that purpose the price of said property, together with an accurate description thereof; and

Be it further resolved that no property shall be considered which does not contain as much as one-half block, and which is more than 12 blocks from the City Hall of the City of Austin; and

Be it further resolved that property adjacent to, and situated on one of the railroad tracks entering the city of Austin be given a preference.

Alderman Crooker moved that the matter lie on the table subject to call, which motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas: Alderman Crooker, Meredith, Miller, Moreland, Redd, and Scott

Nays: Alderman Armstrong, Cuneo, Haynes, Petri, Smith, Sutor, and Wilhelm

The resolution of Alderman Wilhelm was then adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Alderman Armstrong, Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Miller, Moreland, Petri, Scott, Smith, Sutor, and Wilhelm.

Nays: Alderman Redd

## New business

The Mayor laid before the Council telegrams from the Consolidated Construction Co. of New York, asking an extension of time in which to make deposits of money on contracts to rebuild the dam.

On motion the telegrams were referred to the Finance and Ordinance Committees.

The mayor laid before the Council a communication from J M Fox, tendering his resignation as a policeman.

On motion the resignation was accepted.

On motion Alderman Smith and the Marshal was directed to submit a name of a successor to Mr. Fox.

The Marshal submitted the name of Ed Rudicil.

Alderman Smith and Miller were appointed as tellers.

The tellers reported that there was cast eight votes for confirmation.

The Mayor declared that Mr. Rudicil having received a majority of the votes of the Council was confirmed as a policeman.

On motion of Alderman Cuneo, City Attorney W. D. Hart was granted a leave of absence from December 20th 1907 until January 1, 1908.

Alderman Cuneo offered the following resolution which was read and adopted.

Resolved that the County Commissioners of Travis County be respectfully requested to give the City Council its official reply to the proposition submitted to them looking to an agreement as to the maintenance of the hospital.

Alderman Redd offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the City Council of the city of Austin, that the following rule be and the same is hereby adopted by the City Council as a rule of procedure to govern the members thereof, viz:

That in all debates on any question submitted to a vote of said Council, no member of the Council shall be allowed but one hearing on the one question, and that such hearing shall be limited to 2 minutes duration.

That it shall be the duty of the Mayor or Chairman of the Council to rigidly enforce this rule, and no exception shall be made to this rule except by unanimous consent of the whole Council.

On motion the resolution was referred to a committee consisting of Alderman Armstrong, Meredith, and Moreland.

By Alderman Moreland, an ordinance providing for the publishing of all notices of sale of stock impounded by the city of Austin.

The ordinance was read the first time and on motion the rule was suspended and the ordinance placed on its second reading by the following the vote:

Yeas: Alderman Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Miller, Moreland, Petri, Redd, Scott, Smith, Sutor, and Wilhelm.

Nays: Alderman, Armstrong and Meredith

The ordinance and was read the second time, and a motion made to suspend the rules and place it on its third reading, which motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas: Alderman Crooker, Cuneo, Moreland, Scott, Sutor, and Wilhelm

Nays: Alderman Armstrong, Haynes, Meredith, Miller, Petri, Redd, and Smith

Alderman Haynes offered the following resolution which was read and adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Alderman Armstrong, Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Miller, Moreland, Petri, Redd, Scott, Smith, Sutor, and Wilhelm

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, that the tax rolls of the City of Austin for the year 1907 was prepared by the City Assessor and Collector be and they are hereby approved in all things and the said rolls are hereby accepted as the tax rolls for said City for the year 1907.

By Alderman Haynes an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$93.70 for the purpose of paying certain approved accounts.

The ordinance was read the first time, and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Yeas: Alderman Armstrong, Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Miller, Moreland, Petri, Redd, Scott, Smith, Sutor, and Wilhelm

Nays: None

On motion the Council adjourned

Jno O. Johnson

City Clerk